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USING A FORMATTING TEMPLATE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the above-referenced application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

For the paragraphs listed below, kindly delete the current language and replace it with the new language provided. Marked up copies of the amended paragraphs are provided in Appendix A attached to this Amendment.

On page 13, please replace paragraph 2 with the following:

**A1** Fig. 1 illustrates a block diagram of one embodiment of a printer system according to the present invention;